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Cincinnati, Ohio 45244

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Attorney General John Ashcroft

US Department of Justice

950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to you today to ask for your support in the effort to bring the Microsoft antitrust case to an end. The best way you can do this is to show firm backing of the settlement you have reached with the Microsoft Corporation.

Certain anti-Microsoft special interests may try to derail this settlement or have it withdrawn. That is why this settlement needs your firm backing. These interests would have the public falsely believe that this settlement is too soft on Microsoft but this is not the case. This settlement discloses Microsoft's internal interfaces, a major concession and something that has never been done by a software firm before. This will allow competing firms to create better software to compete with Microsoft. This is just one of the major changes that Microsoft has made to make the IT industry more competitive. Any further continuation of this case will just be a waste of time and resources. A settlement is in the best interests of both parties and the American people.

Microsoft has done immeasurable good for the United States and does not deserve to be harassed in this manner, especially in light of the current depressed state of the economy. The success of the economy is dependant upon the success of companies such as Microsoft who directly or indirectly employee countless Americans with very good jobs throughout every state of the union.

Sincerely,

Keith Fette